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MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION OF HISTORICAL PLACES/MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical places/monuments/religious places maintained/preserved/ conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as on date, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and spent on maintenance /preservation/conservation during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments for maintenance / conservation / preservation of historical places/monuments/memorials during the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the details of the centrally protected monuments which have been handed over to the private parties by the ASI for maintenance / preservation?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 509 FOR 10.05.2007 REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION OF HISTORICAL PLACES / MONUMENTS

(a) The number of historical places/monuments/religious places declared protected and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as on date is 3667. State-wise list is given in Annexure − I.

(b) The funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and environmental development of the monuments during the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2004-05	9344.00	9288.00
2005-06	10042.06	10194.54
2006-07	10860.43	10816.89

(c) ASI has not received any proposal from the State Government for maintenance / to conservation of historical places/monuments/memorial during the current year. However (e) requests were received in the earlier years for conservation / structural repairs of onuments / historical places which were taken up as deposit works. Details are at Annexure-ll.

None of the centrally protected monuments has been handed over to private parties by the ASI for maintenance/ preservation. However, ASI has entered into MoU's with public/private sector corporates for conservation/ development of facilities at centrally protected monuments through public-private initiative under the National Culture Fund (NCF), details of which are at Annexure-lll.